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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LECLERC et al.

Serial No. 10/609,417

Group Art Unit: 1614

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Examiner: BROWN, TIMOTHY

For: ADJUVANT VIRAL PARTICLE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated 6 September 2006.

In the Claims:

1-19. (withdrawn)

20. (currently amended) A method of potentiating an immune response against an antigen comprising one or more B-cell antigenic epitopes and/or one or more T-cell antigenic epitopes in an animal, said method comprising the step of administering to said animal ansaid antigen and an effective amount of an adjuvant, wherein said adjuvant is a papaya mosaic virus (PapMV), or a virus-like particle (VLP) ~~derived from~~comprising PapMV coat protein or modified PapMV coat protein, said PapMV coat protein or modified PapMV coat protein being capable of multimerization to form said VLP, and wherein said immune response is a humoral and/or cellular response..